

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims are amended for expeditious prosecution

This amendment is being filed in response to the office action dated Oct. 3, 2007. In the current amendment, Applicants have amended certain claims. Applicants are not conceding in this Application that these and/or other amended and/or cancelled claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner and/or for reasons provided by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and/or cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the application. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims, including the original claims, in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st Paragraph

Applicants traverse the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph based rejections for the following reasons.

The Examiner has indicated that the specification fails to disclose what addressing what addressing information and trusted addressing information are. Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to paragraph 23 of the specification where at least the following is indicated with reference to FIG. 4: "The addressing information of the clients 102a...102n stored in the trusted addressing information field 202 entries may include the IP addresses of the clients 102a...102n, where the IP addresses may be used by the server 100 to establish sessions with the clients 102a...102n. Alternative embodiments may use other addressing information besides IP addresses. For example, built-in hardware addresses, such as, Media Access Control (MAC) addresses of devices may be used as the addressing information." Additionally, in paragraph 17 of the Application at least the following is indicated: "The client address management database 108 includes client addressing information, such as, Internet Protocol (IP) addresses of the clients 102a...102n. The storage manager 106 may use the client addressing information stored in the client address management database 108 to establish sessions with the clients 102a...102n." It is clear from the specification that addressing information are elements like IP address, MAC address, etc., with which potential sessions can be established. In certain embodiments, addressing information may be provided by the

exemplary clients (reference numeral 102a, 102b..., 102n) and the trusted addressing information may be provided by the trusted administrative client (reference numeral 110).

The Examiner has further mentioned that he specification further fails to disclose how the addressing information and the trusted addressing information are being used in session initiation and continuous to mention that he specification fails to explain how an address (addressing information), which is required for session initiation, can be replaced by another address (trusted addressing information). Applicants respectfully submit that that blocks 406 and 408 of FIG. 4 mentions whether to use the trusted addressing information or the addressing information provided by the client based on the decision made in block 404 of FIG. 4.

Should the Examiner require further clarifications the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicants' representative, Rabindranath Dutta, Reg. No., 51010, telephonically at 310-557-2292 to set up a telephone interview.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd Paragraph

Applicants have amended the independent claims to clearly mention that the client provides an addressing information for initiating the session, and included the requirements of claims 7, 16, 18 with allowable subject matter that further describe trusted addressing information. Since the trusted addressing information is stored in a data structure as claimed in the amended claims, the trusted addressing information can be used instead of the addressing information provided by the client. Applicants submit that the amendments to the independent claims overcome the Examiner's 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd Paragraph based rejections.

In claims 10 and 19, the term capable has been removed.

Amended independent claims 1, 10, 19

Applicants have also amended independent claims 1, 10, 19 with the requirements of objected dependent claims 7, 16, 25 respectively, wherein object dependent claims 7, 16, 25 have been indicated by the Examiner as having allowable subject matter. Applicants have also made other amendments to the independent claims 1, 10, 19 that have been described earlier.

Applicants submit that amended claims 1, 10, 19 are in a condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims

Dependent claims 7, 16, 25 have been canceled.

Other dependent claims depend directly or indirectly on amended independent claims 1, 10, or 19. Applicants submit that these dependent claims are patentable over the cited art because they depend from claims 1, 10, or 19 which are patentable over the cited art for the reasons discussed above, and because the combination of the limitations in these dependent claims and the base and intervening claims from which these claims depend provide further grounds of distinction over the cited art.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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